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RECRUITMENT OF SPORTSPERSONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government has directed the Telecom Circles to recruit outstanding sportspersons under its sports quota recruitment policy;

(b)if so, the number of sportspersons recruited by each Telecom Circle in various sports disciplines particularly in hockey till date; and

(c)the steps taken by the Government to form teams of young and talented hockey players in each Telecom Circle to promote the national game?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a)No, Sir. Telecom. Circles of the department are now a part of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd has directed its Telecom Circles to recruit outstanding sports persons under its sports quota recruitment policy. In case of MTNL Recruitment Rules provide recruitment of Sports persons in Group C and D. However in view of ongoing Voluntary Retirement Scheme

(VRS) and right sizing of MTNL, a ban has been imposed on recruitment of Group C and D employees by MTNL.

(b) The detail of sports quota recruitment circle wise in BSNL is given in the Annexure.

(c) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited has allowed all the Circles to recruit sports persons in either Hockey or Football (but not both) depending upon the popularity of the game and availability of Sports persons in that Circle. BSNL is also organizing All India Hockey tournament every year and in the last tournament held at Jharkhand in April 2006, 14 Telecom Circles (namely NTR, A.P, Gujarat, Tamilnadu, Orissa, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, J&K, Karnataka, Punjab, Maharastara, West Bengal, U.P (East) and M.P. Circles) had participated.